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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from five degrees above normal for the week over the western portion to three degrees below normal in the southeast. Precipitation averaged from zero to trace amounts over most of the State except the southwest where precipitation averaged a tenth of an inch.

CROPS

Winter wheat conditions range from poor to good across the State. Poor to fair conditions continued in the western two-thirds of the State due to low moisture supplies. Some wind erosion is reported in the west. In the eastern third of the State, wheat is in fair to good condition. Snow was beginning to melt. There is some ice cover on wheat fields in the southeast corner of the State.

Winter rye is in mostly fair condition.

LIVESTOCK

With low moisture supplies prevalent across most of the State, range and pasture feed outlook continues to be below average. With the open winter in the west and central sections, farmers and ranchers are running cattle as much as possible on forage. This has reduced hay consumption. Hay and forage and grain supplies continue to be average to below average across the State. Approximately 35% of the corn and milo acreage and 15% of the winter wheat and rye acreage was being pastured last week. Cattle and calf losses have been relatively low in many areas for this time of year.

GENERAL

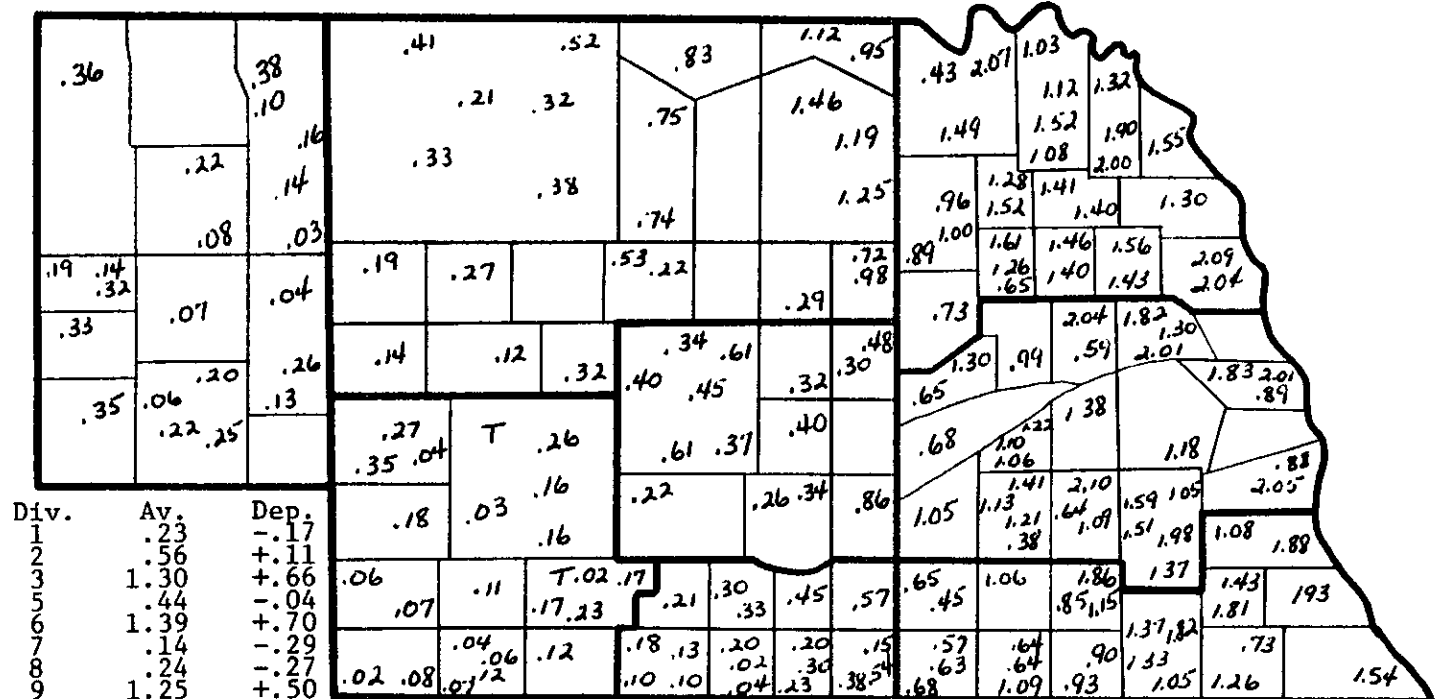
At this time farmers are preparing equipment for spring planting. Fertilizer application has started in some areas where farmers can get into their fields.

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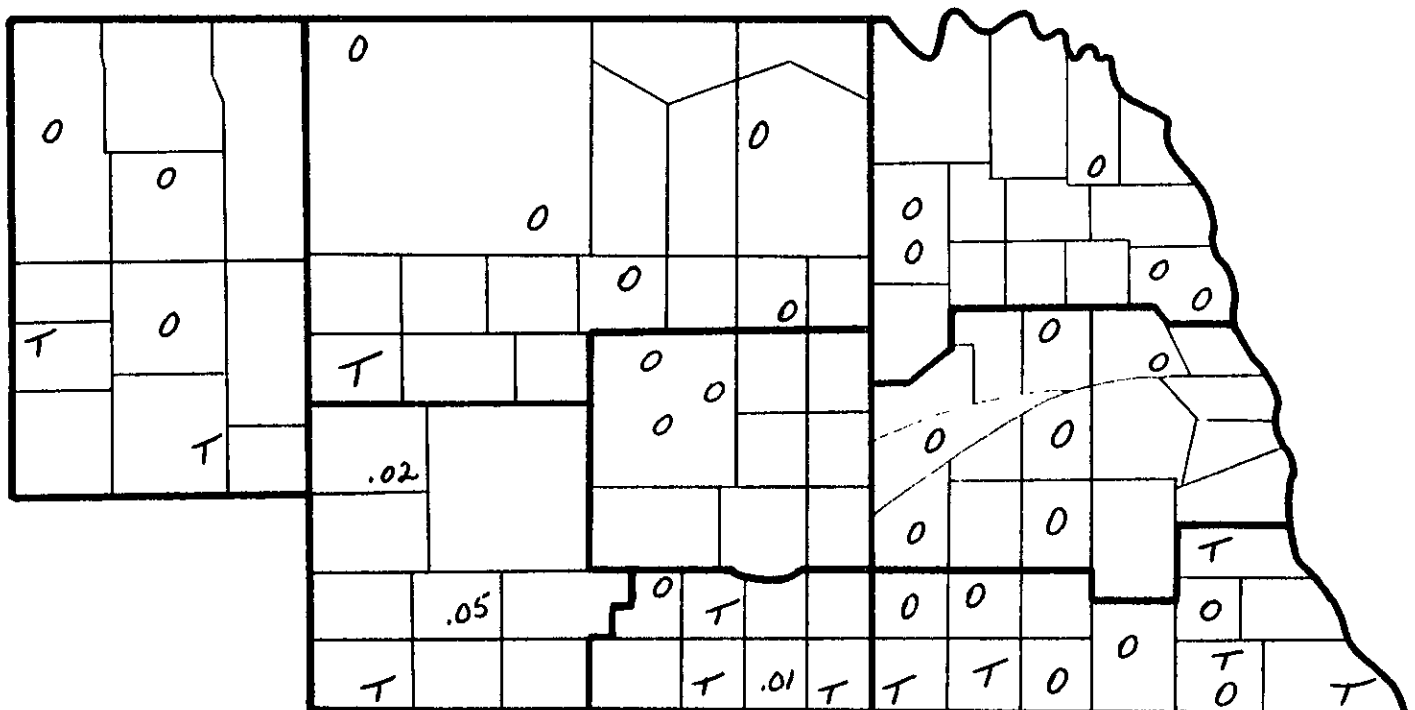


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1975 1/



1/ Courtesy of Conservation and Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1975



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1975

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	51	9	34	--	T
	Scottsbluff	59	15	36	+5	.03
	Sidney	58	13	35	--	0
NC	Burwell	53	10	33	--	0
	Valentine	50	9	31	+4	0
NE	Norfolk	44	15	28	+1	T
	Sioux City	44	14	27	0	0
CEN	Grand Island	54	15	33	+3	0
EC	Lincoln	43	15	28	-3	T
	Omaha	43	15	28	-3	T
SW	Imperial	59	17	37	--	.06
	North Platte	59	13	34	+4	.09

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.